



## The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting

Japan-U.S. Southeast & Southeast U.S./Japan Associations

**“Continued Success through Partnership & Innovation  
for a Sustainable Future”**

**October 12-14, 2023**

**Imperial Hotel, Tokyo**

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\* All participants are required to register.

\* Meeting functions will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, unless otherwise noted.

\* Attire: Business for all functions, unless otherwise noted.

### **Japan / SEUS Joint Staff Office: Miyabi (3rd floor)**

**Wed. Oct. 11 10:00am - Sat. Oct. 14 5:00pm**

### **Registration:**

**Wed. October 11 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm** (Miyabi, 3rd floor)

**Thu. October 12 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** (Miyabi, 3rd floor)  
**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm** (Fuji, 3rd floor)

**Fri. October 13 7:00 am - 4:00 pm** (Fuji, 3rd floor)  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** (Kujaku-Higashi, 2nd floor)

### **Thursday, October 12, 2023**

**4:00 - 5:30 pm Individual State Receptions & Meetings**

- AL (Ume, 4th floor)
- FL (Ohgi, 3rd floor)
- GA (Momo, 4th floor)
- NC (Matsu, 4th floor)
- SC&MS (Kaede, 4th floor)
- TN (Mai, 3rd floor)

**5:30 - 8:30 pm Welcome Reception/Dinner** (Fuji, 3rd floor)

5:30 - 6:00 pm Cocktail  
6:00 - 6:30 pm Welcome remarks by Co-Chairs  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Welcome Dinner

**6:45 - 9:00 pm Chairman's Dinner (by invitation)**

6:30 - 6:45 pm Move from the Imperial Hotel to Tokyo Kaikan  
6:45 - 9:00 pm Chairman's Dinner (Tokyo Kaikan: Royal, 7th floor)

### **Friday, October 13, 2023**

**7:00 - 8:45 am Delegates' Breakfast** (Kujaku-Higashi, 2nd floor)

9:30 - 4:30pm **Spouse/Guest Program** (Artizon Museum, Tofu Lunch at “Tofuya Ukai”, Incense Experience at “Koku” and Shopping at Kabuki-za in Ginza)

9:00 - 10:20 am **Opening Ceremony** (Fuji, 3rd floor)

Opening Remarks: **Mr. Masaaki Tsuya**, Conference Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association, External Advisor/ Immediate Past Chairman & Global CEO, Bridgestone Corporation  
**Mr. Eric Silagy**, Conference Co-Chairman/ Retired Chairman, President & CEO, Florida Power & Light Company

Welcome Remarks: **Minister/Vice-Minister** for Foreign Affairs of Japan  
**Vice-Minister/Parliamentary Vice-Minister** for Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (invited)

Responding Remarks: FL (**Governor DeSantis** Video message & HOD), AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN

Remarks: **The Honorable Kazuhiro Nakai**, Consul General of Japan in Miami

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10:35 - 11:40 am **Panel Session I** (Fuji, 3rd floor)  
**“The US-Japan Economic Partnership Roadmap Emerges: Resiliency During a Time of Global Volatility”**

Moderator **Mr. Norihiko Ishiguro**, Chairman of Japan External Trade Organization "JETRO"

Panelists (J) **Mr. Jun Suzuki**, Senior Advisor/Immediate Past Chairperson, Teijin Limited  
(J) **Mr. Sean Suggs**, President, Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina  
(A) **Mr. Mark Williams**, President, Strategic Development Group  
(A) **Ms. Masami Tyson**, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson

11:45 - 12:05 pm **Keynote Address: The Honorable Rahm Emanuel**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan (invited)

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12:20 - 1:20 pm **Luncheon: Two-time INDY 500 champion Mr. Takuma Sato** - Interview (Kujaku Higashi, 2nd floor)

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1:35 - 2:50 pm **Panel Session II** (Fuji, 3rd floor)  
**“Transitioning the Workforce to Support Emerging Technologies and Sustainability Initiatives”**

Moderator **Mr. Andrew Wylegala**, President, National Association of Japan-America Societies

Panelists (J) **Dr. Kimiko Murofushi**, President, Professional University of Beauty & Wellness; Professor Emeritus / Former President of Ochanomizu University

- (J) **Ms. Yukako Uchinaga**, Chairperson and Representative  
Director of Japan Women's Innovative Network (J WIN),  
Member of the Board, NTT
- (J) **Mr. Shuji Oda**, President, AISIN North Carolina Corporation
- (A) **Mr. TJ Villamil**, Deputy Secretary of FloridaCommerce, President of  
International Commerce at SelectFlorida, Inc.
- (A) **Mr. Don Hobart**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research,  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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3:05 - 3:50 pm **Closing Ceremony** (Fuji, 3rd floor)

Remarks: **The Honorable Yoichi Matsumoto**, Consul-General of Japan in  
Nashville / **The Honorable Mio Maeda**, Consul-General of Japan in  
Atlanta.

Adoption of Joint Statement

Closing Remarks: **Mr. Eric Silagy**, Conference Co-Chairman/ Retired Chairman,  
President & CEO, Florida Power & Light Company  
**Mr. Masaaki Tsuya**, Conference Chairman, Japan-U.S. Southeast  
Association, External Advisor, Bridgestone Corporation

Exchange of Gifts

Announcement of 46th Annual Joint Meeting: Chairman elect from North Carolina

4:00 - 5:30 pm Free Time for Open Networking

5:30 - 8:30 pm **Reception & Gala Dinner** (Kujaku Higashi, 2nd floor)

### **Saturday, October 14, 2023**

6:45 am – 5:00 pm **Invitational Golf Tournament** at Sodegaura Country Club, the champion course of Japan  
Golf Tour's Bridgestone Ladies Open

8:30 am – 5:00 pm **Optional Tours**  
1) Tsurugaoka Hachimangu, Kamakura Daibutsu, Enoshima Island  
2) Hamarikyu Gardens, Asakusa area, Sumida River Cruise